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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Robert Thomas Edlin.

Whereas, Robert Thomas Edlin was born in New Albany, Indiana, in 1922;

Whereas, Robert Thomas Edlin enlisted in the Indiana National Guard and later served with the Army Rangers;

Whereas, On June 6, 1944, Robert Thomas Edlin was the first soldier from A company, U. S. Army Ranger Battalion, to set foot on a landing craft to depart for Normandy and the D-Day battle;

Whereas, Robert Thomas Edlin was injured in both legs

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while helping secure the beachhead at Omaha Beach and Pont-du-Hoc;

Whereas, On September 10, 1944, Robert Thomas Edlin brought about the surrender of 800 German soldiers and the capture of a German fort on the Le Conquet Peninsula in France by holding a grenade against the German commandant's side and demanding his surrender, for which Lt. Edlin was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism;

Whereas, In recognition of his actions under fire, Lt. Robert Thomas Edlin was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1995; and

Whereas, The citizens of the state of Indiana applaud Robert Thomas Edlin for his bravery and for the sacrifices he made for his country: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 thank Lt. Robert Thomas Edlin for his bravery under fire in the
- 3 protection of his country.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert
- 6 Thomas Edlin and his family.

